

WE STOPPED TO BREATHE

Why Yesterday Was Not Quite So Hot
as the Opening Day of the Carnival

COWBOY, INDIAN SPORTS AND RACES

The Principal Feature of the Second Day's Programme Took Place at the Race Track. Coon Town Shot Up. Little Egypt Pitied For the Poverty of Her Wardrobe. The Elks Will Assume Charge of Phoenix Today and Extend Their Sovereignty Far Into the Evening. The Vaudeville Last Night.

The streets of Phoenix on the second day of the carnival lacked some of the burrah of the first, for the reason that according to the programme the main performance took place outside of the city. And then a part from the hurly burly of the day before was not to be expected. A better opportunity was given for an inspection of the street fair and the Midway, which had been overlooked on Monday and also strength was gathered for the Elks day, which begins with the dress parade at 10 o'clock this morning and ends some time tonight; nobody knows when or how.

SPORTS AT THE TRACK

Wild West Scenes and Races Amuse Carnival Visitors.

The man who was attracted to the Phoenix carnival by the promises of the wild west portion of the programme and the sportive features, was given his first entertainment yesterday. The morning and the afternoon were devoted entirely to the races and the cowboy sports, and the whole combined to make up a series of attractions which were marked by a variety of excitement. A short time before noon the vaqueros and Indians made a dash through the streets to the music of a fusillade of pistol shots.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the programme at the driving park began, and two thousand people watched with intense interest the achievements of the bronco-busters, cheered the winners in to hotly-contested running races, and then witnessed one of the best carnival scenes, as a band of reined-in warriors chased a stage coach around the track, amid volleys of shots from revolvers and rifles, and were finally driven away before the fire of a bunch of rescuing cow-punchers. The stage coach scene was the last on the programme and to a large number of the spectators it was the most interesting. It was a typical picture of an act in the early life of the frontier. The ancient stage, one that saw many years of service thirty years ago, recalled to the early settler the times when to make a stage trip was to take one's life in one's hands and to chance a meeting with the ever-hostile Apache. Old Bill Aldrich, who handled the reins of the double team, served to enhance the realistic coloring. In the youth of Arizona, Bill Aldrich was a noted figure, and in the stage coach days, he saw many a brush with the bloody reds. The stage made the circuit of the track, the two passengers armed to the teeth. When opposite the grand stand, the Indian band came, forbidding and hideous in their war paint, and brandishing guns and bows, and came to the stage. A volley from the reds, and with blood-curdling whoops, the band began the chase, set Aldrich and his outfit in quick action. His long whip whirled out over the flanks of his horses, and doubling half over, he gave them the reins. Again and again he piled his whip and his four settled into a dead run, the stage whirling around the bend and into the stretch. In the meantime passengers were not inactive. Their guns and revolvers were in constant action, but the redskins were gaining. Lashing their ponies to their top speed, the Indians closed in on the stage, firing volley after volley, when, with a chorus of yells, the cow-punchers dashed around the track. Better mounted than the Indians, the vaqueros reined rapidly. With Jack Gibson in the lead, they bore down on the warrior band and began a pouring of a constant volley from the reds. For an instant the Indians hesitated, and then, between two fires, scattered in retreat. For a short distance the cow-punchers chased them and ostensibly turned the retreat into a slaughter, while the old coach hurried on to safety.

BRONCHO BUSTING.

The broncho-busting exhibition was another feature of a character which held out the idea of wild-west realism. There were three contestants, and

three prizes. Harry Wright was awarded first money. Mina Sanders second, and John Moore third. Moore had been touted as a winner, but soon after his pony began operations, Moore's foot slipped from the stirrup and lost him his chances. Knight's exhibition was a pretty one. His broncho did stunts all over the track, in a determined effort to hoist Knight skyward. But Knight was not to be hoisted. The harder the horse bucked, the closer Knight held. Once the brute went to his knees, choked by the rider's grip. The audience held its breath, and it seemed inevitable that Knight would go under the animal, but by a tremendous effort the broncho arose, a snicker and a wiser brute, while a cheer went up for the nerve of Knight.

Several side incidents served to entertain the spectators. The ever-present small boy was there, and so was his dog. Each caused the officials plenty of trouble and fun. Occasionally a youth would slip out into the open and endanger his life among the horses until a cowboy would slip his rope over his head and drag him to a place of safety. A stray cow would wander into the open and provide sport for the merry vaqueros, dodging the whirling lariats and leading the cow-punchers on a wild chase.

THE RACES.

The races were both close enough to satisfy the most exacting lover of the fast sprinters. In the three-eighths mile dash, there were four entries, and the race brought forth a winner from a rather unexpected source, in Black Kid, an animal of unpromising appearance, but excellent finishing powers, owned by Charles Williams. Windy Jim, owned by Jack Gibson, was second; and Carmelita, owned by Al Goodwin, was third, and Nellie Daly, owned by Wolf Sachs, of Tempe, fourth. At the breakaway Jim and Carmelita had a little the best of the flag and Jim led into the stretch. The Goodwin mare closed the gap, but with Goodwin up, at 150 pounds, she could not hold the pace. At the head of the stretch the Kid was over a length to the lead, but slowly he gained, and a hundred yards from home, he was at the girth of the Gibson horse. Fifty yards further he was on even terms. Carmelita was between off and the Kid and Jim fought it out. With whip and spur the Gibson boy labored to keep his mount in front, but in vain, and the two passed under the wire, the Kid a half neck to the good. Carmelita was over a length back and the Tempe horse more hopelessly out of it.

In the quarter-mile dash, Bald Hornet, owned by Jack Gibson, Little Duchess, by C. B. Williams, and Nellie Walker, by T. J. Walker, were the starters. The sorrel Williams mare was played as a favorite, and a considerable amount of coin changed hands upon the result. Hornet and the Duchess held together for a while. In the stretch the sorrel opened up a gap and held it, romping in with two lengths to spare. The Walker mare was belted at the start and never got on, trailing in five lengths back.

Summary:

Three-eighths of a mile: purse, \$200.

Horse. Owner. Position.

Black Kid, Chas. Williams.....1

Windy Jim, J. and J. Gibson.....2

Carmelita, Al Goodwin.....3

Nellie Daly, Wolf Sachs.....4

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Judges—Dr. G. A. Strauss, Jim Berk and Colonel Rountree.

SHOT UP COONTOWN

Cowboy Creates Consternation Among Midway Performers.

negroes had sat. Six pairs of heels went up in the air and six dusky heads bumped the floor in the tent. "Fo de Lawd, what you doin'," and a curly head peeped above the boards. A rope circled and settled around his neck. "Oh please, Mr. Cowboy, we aint done nothin'," moaned the victim, and a whistle of terror came from five others. "We don't want to hurt you. Just want to see your show," said one of the leaders of the range men, and a half dozen audible signs of relief went out and the punchers were given the run of the place. "Stay just as long s'yo want and come back when you git time." The banjos twanged in joy and "Praise de Lawd," rose on the morning air.

MINISTERS WERE AROUND

Object to Little Egypt Performance on the Midway.

Carnival week is causing no end of trouble and anxiety among the gentlemen of the cloth. When the bull fight was proposed the ministers arose in indignation and succeeded in preventing it. Now they have taken up the Midway and are engaged in an effort to purge that amusement center of its alleged immoral features. Their attention is concentrated upon "Little Egypt," and if the ministers can stop her, the little brunette, who is drawing the largest crowds on the Plaisance, will discontinue her oriental dance. The Rev. Dr. L. A. McAfee is the leader of the crusade. Yesterday afternoon Dr. McAfee visited the Midway. He went to see the music dance and he staid throughout the performance. From there he went to Manager Buckley. There was a long conference and an agreement upon the fact that the Little Egypt dance was not entirely conducive to the betterment of youthful morals. Manager Buckley promised to see that the mode of entertainment was given sufficient modification to remove some of the objectionable features.

Last evening the queen and her court visited the Midway. The oriental dance was on the list. The curtain was moved aside and the dance began. Her Majesty and her ladies and courtiers rushed for the door and left the Midway.

THE SECOND NIGHT

Vaudeville and Bicycle Parade Entertain the Court.

A drop in the temperature last evening cut down the size of the audience at the queen's throne, but several thousand people witnessed the entertainment before her majesty, and the illuminated bicycle parade. About 7:30 o'clock the queen and her court arrived at the throne and for an hour the vaudeville performers and Reed and Burgh, in their song and dance specialties, kept the royal highness amused. The prime minister read the royal announcements, and then the bicycle parade came.

A misunderstanding regarding the time of the parade had diminished the number of competitors, but those that did appear made recompense in beauty and unique design for the few in number. The parade passed twice in review before the throne and then the competitors for the prizes paused while Her Majesty made the awards. The first prize, \$20, was given to Dr. A. E. Wineman, who had by far the finest and oldest decoration. His wheel was adorned with a dragon. Mrs. Keeney won the second prize, \$10, with a wheel handsomely covered with chrysanthemums. Mr. A. J. Javins captured the third prize, \$5, his bicycle carrying a large arch. The fourth prize, a membership in the bicycle club, was given to Miss Brooks. Her machine had decorations of chrysanthemums. Among the other competitors were the Messrs. Berryman, who had a tandem covered with paper fret work; Jack Clark, with a tandem in carnival and club colors; H. F. Chapman, whose wheel was decorated with chrysanthemums, and P. O. Mumma, who had a liberty bell built above his machine.

THE STREET FAIR

What May Be Seen When One's Eyes are Open.

Now that the second day of the carnival is past and the big show is in the height of its glory, it is fitting that space should be devoted to a description of the booths and private decorations. While the comment has been made that the number of booths is small, it must be remembered that Phoenix is getting to be a big town and the attractions are spread over a great deal of space. If a visitor will begin at one end of Washington street, stroll through the center of the city, going up the side streets where the colors attract attention, he will find that by the time he has "done the town" he is tired and has seen a lot of things that are not only wonderful, but are interesting and pretty. The city hall and the court house, which are gorgeously decorated and strings of banners are suspended over the streets, while at every corner the lines of banners cross diagonally, suspending in the center a decorated frame, and over Washington street, from one end of the business section to the other, is a network of electric wires, to which are attached thousands of candles of various colors, making the evening illumination even prettier than the daytime effect.

Nearly every business house is decorated in one way or another and some of them are so uniquely done that the work may be appropriately called art. As for the booths, they are so numerous that only a bare outline of each can be hinted at. None are creditable and each one testifies to the enterprise of its owner, his interest in the town, in his own business, and

his appreciation of the value of advertising. The few who have held back and who try to throw cold water on the enterprise—and there are always a few—should be spoken of only in a whisper, and reverently as of the dead. They are still breathing, perhaps, but in many ways they have passed from the active scenes of life.

The first booth at the east end of the street is in front of the Arizona bakery, and the next is that of Thomas, the druggist. Its chief feature is lantern decorations. Sam Donafrio, across the street, has made his fruit store gorgeous with the official colors.

The most attractive booth at this end of the street is that of the New York store. It consists of a double tower, connected with an arch over the name of the store appears. The structure is decorated with excellent taste and within are specimens of nearly all lines carried in the store.

On the opposite side of the street are no booths in that block, but the store fronts display the colors. On the corner is a Mexican stand with a creditable effort at something novel in the architectural line. There is a square tower at either corner and within tanks and enclanchas may be had by those who hunger. The Boston over has a nicely trimmed front and its show windows are arranged in carnival attire and filled with handsome displays. The booth of M. Goldworthy & Bro. is the next to attract attention. It is artistically conceived and the decorations are carried out with remarkable genius. The ends and side have rows of arches in imitation of the windows of a two-story building.

The draping is neatly done, the folds for the most part running up and down with diagonal stripes above the openings. Within is a varied assortment of fancy things to be found only in a first-class dry goods and trimmings establishment, and over all and wherever possible, tissue festoons are draped in the various carnival colors. Next to Goldworthy's is the booth of the California liquor store. It is of liberal size, handsomely dressed in the carnival colors and the Elks' purple and there is on sale the finest collection of two young ladies a varied stock of confections and soft drinks.

Near has a booth that attracts attention for its extreme yellowness. It is yellow on the outside and strictly up-to-date on the inside. Druggists' sundries, notions, soda, etc., are on sale, and across the walk in the show window is the Monk and the Flying Trapeze. Jack affords amusement for hundreds every hour.

The Tribble Cold Storage market has the finest display in the city in that line. There is an awning decoration in front and along the sidewalk is suspended an immense display of dressed meats. Within, the shop is beautifully arranged, evergreen and carnival colors setting off the artistic work of the butcher and meat-render, while clear back to the alley the wheels go round, driven by electric power. The proprietor says he can furnish anything in the meat line from a rattlesnake to a load and even today to have a big bear on exhibition.

The Yellowstones and Thalhimer's place are both decorated, and Goldberg Bros. have a booth in front of their place. It is decorated, but unoccupied, as their attention is given specially to their unique window displays.

Pratt, Gilbert & Co., on the opposite corner, have one of the largest booths in the city. It is tastefully decorated and encloses some handsome carriages, illustrating the nice things to be seen at their place of business.

In front of B. Heyman's beautifully draped windows is the booth of the Los Angeles Times, and next a spacious lunch wagon. Adjacent to the McDonald's confection booth, and farther down the street is a book-back booth.

That completes the list of structures on the north side, as far as Center, but nearly every business house is gaily decorated, and some of them gorgeously so. This block on the north side of the street is probably the most profusely decorated of any individual section of the city. The Palace saloon and the Capitol are resplendent within and without and no expense has been spared to make a merry row. Other business places, and the lustre and the festive and brilliant one.

On the south side of the street the merchants have all decorated their fronts to some extent in the carnival colors and many of them have special displays that are most worthy.

Charlie Donofrio has a big booth, in which candy making is carried on on a grand scale.

J. B. Long has erected a grand stand in front of his place for the use of his lady friends, and the top row is surrounded by an exhibition of stoves.

The old hermit curio man and a palmist each have a stand in front of the Richmond Day Laundry Co.'s store, the windows of which are decorated with great care.

Talbot & Hubbard have improvised a lunch awning for the week and have also spent much time on their show windows.

The ladies of the Christian church have a most attractive booth, original in its architecture. It is covered first with an arched roof of peppers and above that the regular four-cornered roof covered with carnival bunting.

The booth of Elvey & Hulet comes next and it is one of the prettiest of the whole street fair. The opening on the street front of the booth is draped with a bold, the local lodges gathered with the visiting lodges. All will be in the official uniform of the Elks, i. e. silk hats, dusters and canes decorated in royal purple. At 2:30 p. m. will occur the Elks' grand circus parade past the grand stand, reviewed by the queen and her court. There will be over 200 Elks in line, in gorgeous and exotic opera costumes; also three bands, nine cages, containing animals, wild men, etc. See the content of the powers and all the other beautiful and attractive features.

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THE SANTA FE STRIKE

Officials Say That Little is Left of it

They Deny That Places of Strikers Have Been Filled by Incompetent Operators—Old Men are Out for Good.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Tonight Third Vice President J. M. Barr, superintendent of the operating department of the Santa Fe, notified all agents of the company not to employ any more operators, as sufficient men had been engaged to fill the places vacated by the telegraph operators who responded to the strike call.

"At fifteen of these points on the system, we have been securing new operators since this trouble began. Today I notified our agents not to engage any more."

Referring to the reports that the company was filling the strikers' places with incompetent operators, Mr. Barr said: "We did write to schools in Iowa, asking for competent operators. The men sent in every instance were thoroughly examined and will have to pass an examination when they reach the places to which they are assigned. We do not want the old employees to return. Their places have been filled with competent men and we will retain them."

"The strike is practically over and our business is normal," said President Ripley. "A little delay and some annoyance has been the burden of our trouble. The report that the officials of the company are opposed to labor unions is false. We have no quarrel with the labor unions. On the contrary, we believe they are a good thing when properly conducted."

OVER IN OKLAHOMA.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 11.—Superintendent Tice of the Oklahoma division in the city all day watching developments. When asked about the situation, he answered:

"So far as the Santa Fe is concerned, the strike is over. It has been worse on the Oklahoma division, fifty-one operators leaving their keys."

"Their places are being filled rapidly and no men who struck will be taken back. We have plenty of men to fill all vacant positions. Trains are running on schedule time and there has been but little delay."

"A FINISHED WAR"

On Which England Blows in \$80,000,000 More.

London, Dec. 11.—The house of commons today voted £16,000,000 to carry on the war which Lord Roberts has recently announced as "finished," at a full scale of cost for another three months, in a listless manner characteristic of its dealings with financial questions, and a careful avoidance of what may turn out to be unjustifiable hopelessness.

NOT INVITED BY NICHOLAS.

The Hague, Dec. 11.—The Transvaal legation says it is authorized to contradict the report that Emperor Nicholas has telegraphed Mr. Kruger an intimation that he will receive him.

THIS IS ELKS DAY

Parade and Circus by the Benevolent Order.

Purple day, today, will be turned over to the B. P. O. E., sometimes known as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, but more usually designated as the Best People on Earth.

Great are the preparations undergone by the local lodge, Phoenix lodge, No. 235, for the benefit of the visiting members and the visiting public. The day will be a day of purple and silk hats, for such is the uniform of the Elks. At 10 a. m. the Elks will parade as a body, the local lodges gathered with the visiting lodges. All will be in the official uniform of the Elks, i. e. silk hats, dusters and canes decorated in royal purple. At 2:30 p. m. will occur the Elks' grand circus parade past the grand stand, reviewed by the queen and her court. There will be over 200 Elks in line, in gorgeous and exotic opera costumes; also three bands, nine cages, containing animals, wild men, etc. See the content of the powers and all the other beautiful and attractive features.

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The following is the full text of the bill:

That on and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for the Navajo and Moqui Indians to lease for a term not exceeding twenty-five years mineral lands within the exterior boundaries of their respective reservations

within the territories of Arizona and New Mexico on a royalty basis, under rules, regulations and supervision of the secretary of the interior, and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That this act shall apply to bought and paid for reservations and to reservations created by executive order for the Navajo and Moqui Indians since the first day of June, 1863.

Sec. 3. That the moneys to be paid under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the department of the interior and shall be expended for the sole use and benefit of the said Navajo and Moqui Indians, as their interests may appear, under and by direction of the secretary of the interior.

Sec. 4. That none but Indian labor shall be employed in the mining and development of the ground leased under the provisions of this act, except under the order of the secretary of the interior directing otherwise.

The bill of Delegate Wilson which has passed the house and is now in the senate, authorizing the board of supervisors of Pima county to issue 50 year 5 per cent bonds of said county to redeem funded indebtedness of the said county provides:

That the board of supervisors of Pima county, Arizona territory, be, and they are hereby authorized to prepare, execute, sell and deliver, from time to time, bonds of the said Pima county, in accordance with the provisions of title thirty-one, chapter two, county indebtedness, of the revised statutes of Arizona, approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, bearing interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, both principal and interest payable only in gold coin of the United States of America of present standard, the proceeds to be used only for the redemption of the aforesaid one hundred and forty-seven bonds of Pima county, Arizona territory. The total amount of the bonds hereby authorized to be issued shall not exceed one hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars, and no bonds shall be issued under the provisions of this act except when it is necessary so to do in order to refund the aforesaid indebtedness of Pima county, and then only in amounts sufficient to refund such indebtedness as it falls due, as hereinafter set out.

None of said bonds shall be sold or exchanged for less than their par value and any interest that may be due thereon, and this act shall be printed on the back of all bonds issued under the provisions of this act.

CAREFUL TRAINMEN

There Will Be No Head End Collisions on the M. P. Road.

The M. & P. train crews are the most careful men in the world and realize fully the responsibility that rests upon them. They do not propose to have any head-end collisions, at least if it can be avoided by close attention to business and obedience to signals. Saturday night a special train was due to leave Phoenix for Maricopa about midnight with the Jossey stock company. Another special loaded with Phoenix Masons had gone to Tempe expecting to return after the Masons had finished the work of instituting a new lodge recently organized there.

This work was finished about midnight and the Masonic special started for Phoenix. The engineer knew another special was going the other way but did not know the exact hour. The Phoenix train got about half-way to Phoenix when the engineer saw a bright light ahead of him. He whistled and reversing his engine started the other way. He whistled again and listened to see if the other engineer would not answer. But he did not and the big light kept coming closer. Back went the Masonic train for a mile or so till the engineer felt sure the fellow behind the other light must be aware of his presence. Then he halted and waited. The light kept getting nearer but he could hear no rumble. He thought at first it must be a new rubber-tired train drawn by a phantom engine, and finally, just as he had made up his mind to take chances and stand on his rights to the track a big, husky south sider pulled up on a bike, which was held to its course in the glare of a brilliant acetylene headlight. The wheelman side-tracked and allowed the train to pass.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

New York, Dec. 11.—Baseball is holding the center of the stage at the Fifth Avenue hotel today, and will probably continue as an attraction for several days to come, for the annual meeting of the National League, which began at 2 o'clock this afternoon, has more important business to discuss and dispose of than has faced the magnates for a number of years. The differences with the American league over the latter's proposal to take into the circuit Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia, which have hitherto been considered as exclusively National league territory, is only one of the matters that promise to result in sensational developments before the present meeting is concluded.

There are those who believe firmly that several of the magnates have brought sensational bombs and will explode them before the first day's session is ended. However this may be, it is certain that there is considerable unrest and dissatisfaction existing among Messrs. Brush, Hart, Soden and their colleagues. One of the results of this dissatisfaction, it is rumored, will be the election of a new president to succeed Nicholas E. Young, who has been the nominal head of the National league for so many years. These important matters vitally affecting the life and welfare of the organization, will probably occupy the entire attention of the magnates at the present meeting, and another meeting later on will probably be necessary to consider the routine business which usually comes before the annual meeting.

THE SHIP SUBSIDY

Occupies the Waking Hours of the Senate

WAR TAX LESSENING

The Principal Bone of Contention in the House—A Committee Appointed to Inquire Into the Circumstances of the Death of Oscar L. Booz, a West Point Student.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The first speech in opposition to the ship subsidy bill in the senate was delivered today by Mr. Clay of Georgia, one of the minority members of the committee on commerce, which reported it to the senate. He is recognized as one of the most vigorous opponents of the bill in the senate and during nearly two hours was accorded close attention by senators on both sides of the chamber. Mr. Hanna, who expects to reply to Mr. Clay's argument, gave him particular attention.

In the early part of the session a lively colloquy was precipitated over a reference to the committee of the Grouse oleomargarine bill, just passed by the house. It finally went to the committee on agriculture. This was a victory for the friends of the bill. There also was a sharp debate over the Montana senatorship case, but no action was taken the matter by consent going over temporarily. Tomorrow no business session of the senate will be held as the time will be devoted to the centennial establishment of the seat of government in Washington.

An order presented by Mr. Cockrell of Missouri was referred by the senate, directing that vacancies on the committees of the District of Columbia, the geological survey, Indian affairs, mines and mining, the Pacific islands, the territories and railroads, be filled by the appointment of Senator Towne of Minnesota.

A resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Hanna for the appointment by the president pro tem of a committee of three senators to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the president on the fourth of March, was adopted without opposition.

The pending resumption of the debate on the ship subsidy bill, an act providing that entry men who have served in the United States army, navy or marine corps during the Spanish war or the Philippine insurrection, shall have certain service deducted from the time required to perfect their title under homestead laws was passed.

WAR TAX REDUCTION.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The debate on the war revenue bill was opened in the house today. Mr. Payne of New York, chairman of the ways and means committee, spoke in behalf of the majority, and Mr. Swanson of Virginia on behalf of the minority. The house adjourned early to permit the hall to be decorated for the exercises in connection with the centennial celebration tomorrow.

Before the war revenue reduction bill was taken up a resolution was adopted for the appointment of a special committee of five members to investigate the death of Oscar L. Booz, of Bristol, Pa., who died recently as a result of having received while a cadet at West Point. This course was taken over the head of the military committee, which reported in favor of allowing the war department to conduct the inquiry.

TESTING NEW ARMY RATION.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 11.—The emergency ration board of the war department, in charge of Captain S. H. Poston and Captain F. W. Foster, has reached Anadarko from Fort Reno, with a detachment of fifty men of Troop A and Troop C of the Eighth Cavalry. It is the fourth and final test in Oklahoma of the prepared ration. The board will reach Fort Reno on Friday, after a trip through the Wichita and Caddo reservations. After two days of sunshine, rain began falling last night, with a cold, and wind from the north, a condition of weather which will enable the board to test the ration fully.

THE END OF A WAR

The Cobre Grande Litigation Settled Yesterday.

The fierce Cobre Grande fight has been ended. For several days lawyers and litigants from the north and the south have been converging in Phoenix and yesterday an agreement was reached by which all the litigation in Arizona, the Republic of Mexico and the state of Texas will be abandoned. The agreement has not been signed, but that formality will be disposed of today. It is only known that the Greene Consolidated company will retain possession of the Cobre Grande mine and the other properties hitherto in controversy.

The beginning of this end is said to have occurred at Nogales a week ago, where the parties to the dispute held a conference of two or three days. This is one of the bitterest mining litigations which have occurred in recent years and has the added distinction of having been carried on in two countries and in two languages.

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